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SUBJECT: ESCAP: 31ST SESSION: REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION

FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING BEGINNING PARAGRAPH TWO IS
RESOLUTION ON ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT ADOPTED BY
UNANIMOUS CONSENSUS BY ESCAP PLENARY SESSION.
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF RESOLUTION CITED UNDER PARAGRAPH
THREE BELOW.

2. QUOTE: REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE ENHANCEMENT
OF THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT. THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, RECALLING
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3010 (XXVII) PROCLAIMING
1975 AS THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, 3275 (XXIX)
CALLING UPON GOVERNMENTS, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES,
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE PROGRAM FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S YEAR AS APPROVED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL, AND 3342 (XXIX) ON WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT,
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CALLING UPON THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO PROVIDE

INCREASED ASSISTANCE TO THOSE PROGRAMMES, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE FURTHER INTEGRATION OF WOMEN INTO NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

FURTHER RECALLING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1849 (LVI) ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (IWY) 1850 (VI) ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, 1852 (LVI) ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS, 1854 (LVI) ON THE STUDY ON THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND FAMILY PLANNING, 1855 (LVI) ON THE IMPELMENTATION OF A PROGRAMME FOR CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND THEIR INTEGRATION IN DEVELOPMENT, AND 1856 (LVI) ON THE STATUS OF RURAL WOMEN,

ALSO RECALLING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 135 (XXIX) IN PURSUANCE OF WHICH THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST ON THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO POPULATION FACTORS WAS CONVENED IN MAY 1974 AND PRODUCED A PLAN OF ACTION 1) WHICH INTER ALIA RECOMMENDED THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY UNDERTAKE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT,

WELCMING, THE EMPHASIS PLACED BY THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ROLE AND STATUS OF WOMEN AND POPULATION FACTORS, AND ITS RECOGNITION THAT SOCIO-DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE INHIBITED WITHOUT THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE,

TAKING NOTE OF THE TANGIBLE RESULTS ALREADY OBTAINED IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE REGION AS REGARDS THE FULLER PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN POLITICAL, UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES BY THEM,

FURTHER NOTING THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF WOMEN IN FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LIFE AS WELL AS THE REALITIES OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC LIFE SITUATIONS IN SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE REGION,

COMMENDING THE ASIAN PLAN FOR THE INTEGRATION
OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AS PRESENTED BY
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION
OF THE COMMISSION²), UNQUOTE

3. QUOTE: URGES MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO INCLUDE IN
THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND COUNTRY PROGRAMMES
SUCH GOALS AND PROJECTS AS ARE DESIGNED TO TRAIN AND
EQUIP WOMEN TO MAKE A GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO, AND
BECOME MORE FULLY INTEGRATED IN, THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONS;

FURTHER URGES MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH,
AS A PRIORITY MEASURE AND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, APPROPRIATE NATIONAL
MACHINERY TO ACCELERATE THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN
DEVELOPMENT, AND ALSO TO UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO ENSURE
THE BASIC RIGHTS OF EQUAL FOR EQUAL WORK AND NON-
DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX;

REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO UNDERTAKE
THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASIAN PLAN AND
CONCURRENTLY TO SEEK ADEQUATE SUPPORTIVE FINANCIAL
AND STAFF RESOURCES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO
THE OFFER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN CONCERNING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRE TO CARRY OUT THE REGIONAL
OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASIAN PLAN, AS DETAILED ON PAGE
34 OF THE DOCUMENT³), INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTER, WHICH WILL
HAVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

(A) ASSISTING GOVERNMENTS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPING POLICIES, STRATEGIES
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AND PROGRAMMES FOR STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF WOMEN
IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE WEAKER
AREAS OF SOCIETY;

(B) PROMOTING ACTION-ORIENTED RESEARCH AND
COLLECTION OF DATA AS A BASIS FOR THE FORMULATION
OF PRAGMATIC PROGRAMMES AND THE EVALUATION AND
MONITORING OF PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS THE EFFECTIVE
INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT;

(C) PROVIDING A CLEARING-HOUSE FOR INFORMATION
BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION IN RESPECT OF
RELEVANT PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES;

(D) STRENGTHENING TRAINING PROGRAMMES TO

INCREASE WOMEN'S POTENTIAL FOR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEADERSHIP;

(E) HELPING GOVERNMENTS TO INCORPORATE IN THEIR COUNTRY PROGRAMMING AND IN REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY THOSE PERTAINING TO RURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, PROJECTS TO PROMOTE AND FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT;

URGES THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND, THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, AS WELL AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO GIVE DUE ATTENTION IN THEIR COUNTRY PROGRAMMING TO THE IMPACT OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND TO THE FULL INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO COLLABORATE WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN HIS EFFORTS TO FURTHER THESE OBJECTIVES;

ENDORSES WITH MUCH APPRECIATION THE OFFER MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO THE COMMISSION CONCERNING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRE IN IRAN AS A REGIONAL INSTITUTION OF ESCAP, TO BE FINANCED PARTLY BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT AND PARTLY BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER MEMBER STATES;

FURTHER REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO NEGOTIATE THIS PROPOSAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND TO REPORT TO THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION ON THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASIAN PLAN.

FOOTNOTES: 1) DOCUMENT ST/ESA/SER.B/5 AD.1;
2) AND 3) COMMISSION DOCUMENT E/CN.11/1202, PART IV.

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